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SUBJ: VISIT OF RICHARD CHAVEZ TO COPENHAGEN

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1. CHAVEZ AND HELGE CHRISTOPHERSEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA (UFWA) REPRESENTATIVE IN NORWAY AND DENMARK, PAID ONE-DAY VISIT TO COPENHAGEN JAN. 10. VISIT WAS LOW-KEY WITH MINIMAL PRESS COVERAGE.

2. CHAVEZ AND CHRISTOPHERSEN WERE APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, IN SPARKING INTEREST AT DANISH SPECIAL AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (DASF) IN SOME FORM OF SUPPORT FOR LETTUCE AND GRAPE BOYCOTT. DASF OFFICIALS INTEND TO MEET WITH LEGAL DEPART-
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MENT OF LABOR FEDERATION (LO) JAN. 17 TO CONSIDER LEGALITY

UNDER DANISH LABOR LAW OF VARIOUS BOYCOTT ACTIONS. ALTHOUGH DASF-SPONSORED BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN AMONG CONSUMERS IS ILLEGAL, VOLUNTARY DECISION BY LABOR MOVEMENT'S RETAIL FOOD COOPERATIVE NOT TO PURCHASE NON-UFWA PRODUCE IS REPORTEDLY BEING CONSIDERED. ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION, ACCORDING TO LO SOURCE, IS REFUSAL TO OFF-LOAD NON-UFWA LETTUCE AND GRAPES BY DOCKWORKERS (ALSO DASF MEMBERS). THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED LEGAL UNDER DANISH LAW IF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) OR OTHER ITS WERE TO ENDORSE AND RECOMMEND SUCH ACTION.

3. CHAVEZ AND CHRISTOPHERSEN LEFT FOR LONDON EVENING JAN. 10 TO DISCUSS LATER POSSIBILITY WITH ITF OFFICIALS. THEY CLAIM, ACCORDING TO DANISH PRESS, TO HAVE PROMISE OF SUPPORT FOR SUCH ACTION FROM BRITISH TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION.

4. POSSIBLY, AS MOVE IN THIS TACTIC TO LEGITIMIZE INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT, UFWA IS CONSIDERING AFFILIATING WITH THE PLANTATION AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS FEDERATION IN GENEVA. CHAVEZ REPORTEDLY TOLD LO SOURCE THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE AT UFWA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN MAY.
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